

## **BOMB SQUAD EXERCISE AT U.S. EMBASSY CHANCERY IN DHAKA**

**DHAKA, MAY 30** – Bangladeshi police, in cooperation with Embassy officials conducted a bomb squad exercise at the American Embassy Chancery today. This exercise culminated an Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA) training program conducted by American trainers for Bangladeshi police.

The Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA) Program, which was established in 1983 to combat international terrorism, provides training and related assistance to law enforcement and security services of partner nations, including Bangladesh. This ATA training program was developed in consultation with Bangladeshi authorities to meet local requirements in response to terrorism trends. ATA training focuses on a “train the trainer” approach to ensure that Bangladeshi officials who have received training can successfully teach principles and techniques to other Bangladeshi police officers. ATA training programs build local law enforcement expertise and foster international cooperation in counterterrorism efforts.

Tomorrow, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. Beth Paige of the American Embassy will deliver the commencement address at the graduation ceremony for the police officials who have completed this training.

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